CLAIMS

1. A compound of Formula (I)

$$A^{1} - N - N - N - N - N^{2} - N - N^{2}$$

Formula (I)

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or physiologically functional derivative thereof, wherein

A¹ is thienyl, which may be optionally substituted with one or more R³; p is 0;

 Y^1 is SO_2 ;

R¹ is H or alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, or heteroaryl, each of which may be optionally substituted with one or more R³;

n is 1;

R² is H or alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, or heteroaryl, each of which may be optionally substituted with one or more R³;

$$Y^2$$
 is -C(O)- or -C(S)-;

 A^2 is alkyl, aryl, or heteroaryl, each optionally substituted with one or more R^3 ; each R^3 independently is OR^4 , SR^4 , hydroxyalkyl, hydroxyalkylamino, cycloalkyl, halogen, haloalkyl, haloalkoxy, NO_2 , CN, $SO_2NR^4R^5$, $CO_2NR^4R^5$, COR^4 , CO_2R^4 , SO_3R^4 , NR^4R^5 , alkyl, aryl, aryl substituted with halogen, or heteroaryl; each R^4 independently is H, alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, or heteroaryl; and each R^5 independently is H, O-alkyl, O-aryl, alkyl, heteroaryl, or aryl.

- 2. The compound of claim 1 wherein A^2 is C_{1-6} alkyl or thienyl, each optionally substituted with one or more R^3 .
- 3 The compound of claim 2 wherein A² is thienyl substituted with halogen.
- 4. The compound of claim 1 wherein A^1 is

$$\mathbb{S}$$
 $(\mathbb{R}^3)_a$

wherein a is 0, 1, or 2.

- 5. The compound of claim 4 wherein a is 1 and the depicted thienyl is substituted with halogen.
- 6. The compound of claim 1 wherein Y^2 is C(O).
- 7. The compound of claim 1 wherein R^1 is H.
- 8. The compound of claim 1 wherein R^2 is H.
- 9. A compound selected from:

or

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or physiologically acceptable derivative thereof.

- 10: A method for inhibiting the production of a virulence factor comprising contact with a compound of claim 1.
- 11. A method for inhibiting the production of a virulence factor comprising contact with a compound of claim 9.
- 12. The method of claim 10 for the treatment or prevention of bacterial damage or disease.
- 13. The method of claim 11 for the treatment or prevention of bacterial damage or disease.
- 14. The method of claim 12 wherein the bacteria is *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* or *Burkholderia cepacia*.
- 15. The method of claim 13 wherein the bacteria is *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* or *Burkholderia cepacia*.
- 16. A composition for inhibiting biofilm formation comprising a compound of claim 1.
- 17. A composition for inhibiting biofilm formation comprising a compound of claim 9.